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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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### (WASHINGTON NOTES.)

THE Postmaster General has rendered a decision that the salary of postal employees can not be attached for debt.

PROF. AGASSIZ has found it necessary to decline the office of Superintendent of the Coast Survey because of duties already resting upon him. The decision is greatly regretted by the President.

SECRETARY MANNING has accepted the resignation of Horace G. Jackson, Assistant Supervising Architect.

SECRETARY WHITNEY recently said he intended in his forthcoming report to recommend to Congress largely increased appropriations for the Equipment and Ordnance Departments of the Washington Navy Yard, with a view to making it a central depot for supplies. The work of construction would be centered in other yards.

GRANT memorial services were held in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, on the 1st under the auspices of the local commandery of the Grand Army of the Republic. General Logan delivered the address.

The public debt decreased during the month of September \$12,757,965.25.

M. W. WISE, Chief of the Miscellaneous Division of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has resigned at the request of Secretary Manning.

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the Collector of Customs of New York to issue clearance papers to the steamship City of Mexico, which vessel has been under surveillance several weeks because of the suspicion that she was being fitted out for a filibustering expedition against Honduras.

Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Sparks, of the General Land Office, the Secretary of the Interior approved the dismissal of Robert Berry, Examiner of Surveys of Colorado.

### THE EAST.

The following ticket was nominated by the Massachusetts Greenbackers on the 29th at Boston: Governor, James Sumner, of Milton; Lieutenant Governor, James M. Buffum, of Lynn; Secretary of State, H. W. K. Eastman, of Lawrence; Treasurer and Receiver, General Walton Harmon, of Boston; Auditor, A. H. Wood, of Lunenburg; Attorney General, A. F. Hall, of Hudson.

MESSRS. SOUTTER & Co., bankers and brokers, doing business at No. 11 Wall street, New York, made an assignment recently for the benefit of their creditors.

LUCIUS PARKER, the oldest cotton cloth manufacturer in Connecticut, died in Mansfield recently of softening of the brain, aged seventy-seven. He left an estate of \$500,000.

THE Hon. Lyman A. Cook, of Woonsocket, R. I., has made an assignment. His assets are unknown.

VICE-PRESIDENT HENDRICKS addressed the New Jersey State Firemen's Association at Paterson on the 30th.

ONE of the crew of the steamer Craig-hill, recently arrived at Boston, is quarantined very sick with yellow fever, having contracted it on the voyage from Mexico, and three others are down with the disease.

CHARLES BROADWELL, a cutter in the employ of Hutton & Son, manufacturers of flannels, Philadelphia, was arrested the other day on the charge of stealing flannel to the aggregate value of \$15,000.

THE other afternoon Prof. J. E. DeLeon, of Springfield, O., walked across the river at Portage, N. Y., on a tight rope stretched 350 feet from side to side at a distance of 200 feet above the rocky bed and directly above the falls.

THE meeting of General Passenger Agents at New York has adopted the report of the Presidents upon the reorganization of pools and resumption of rates.

AN express train at New Britain, Conn., the other morning ran over a stage and killed the driver and two lady passengers.

WHAT was thought to be a sensational mystery in Boston turned out to be that of a dog which had been shot, tied in a bag and thrown into the Charles River. The window glass trade was reported at a recent convention held in New York to be in a very unpromising condition.

AT a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce resolutions were adopted requesting the President and the Secretary of State to make public at the earliest appropriate time the provisions of the new treaty with Spain.

THE sealer, Bear, which was one of the vessels of the Greeley relief expedition, is now being fitted out at New York for use in the Revenue Marine Service. She will relieve the steamer Corwin on the Alaskan Station.

THE three cases of small-pox found in a French Canadian family in Fall River, Mass., proved very malignant. It was thought that all the victims would die. City Solicitor Jackson went to Boston to wait upon Governor Robinson to see if the city could not be placed under quarantine to prevent the immigration of French Canadians from Canada.

A MEETING of the Central and Erie fast freight line managers was held at Buffalo, N. Y., recently, and the announcement was made that the Red, White and Midland fast freight lines would be consolidated, with General Sherman of the Red Line as General Manager of the consolidated companies.

### THE WEST.

DISPATCHES from California and Wyoming, of the 28th, expressed general fears of a concerted outbreak against the Chinese in various cities.

INFORMATION received at Prescott, Ari., from Clifton of the Indian depredations was recently so alarming that the Governor issued a general order calling out the militia for active service.

FORTY \$1,000 town bonds on Mattoon, Ill., were found in the possession of Tom Davis after his murder by Holland, of Texas, in New York. The Supervisor of Mattoon has sent to Coroner Levy for one of the bonds for examination, stating a belief that they are counterfeit.

THE full evidence, as reported by U. S. Marshal Carr, shows that thirty-nine Chinese were killed in the Rock Springs riot. He did not anticipate a repetition of the riot.

DR. PAAREN, State Veterinarian, was in Vandalia, Ill., recently, where he had been investigating an outbreak of glanders, and reports having killed six horses in that town and says the glanders in its most violent form is unquestioned.

A SPECIAL from Warm Springs, Mont., on the 30th, says: One of the buildings of the insane asylum burned yesterday, and three inmates perished in the flames. It is not known how the fire originated.

THE Railway Age, of Chicago, says: The mileage of the proposed new railroads and those already in progress of construction is 44,393, distributed as follows: New England, 813; Middle States, 2,333; Southern States, 9,414; Western States, 27,690; Pacific States, 4,137.

JONAS H. ROWE brought suit in Detroit for \$25,000 damages against the Free Press for the publication of charges made in the proceedings that he had entered for divorce. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for six cents damages.

RUSSELL HINTKLEY a well-known miller and banker, of Belleville, Ill., has made an assignment to Marshall W. Weir. His liabilities are estimated at \$117,000. Assets large.

WILLIAM FOSTER and John McKillop, employes at the Leland Hotel, Chicago, placed a piece of furniture on the top of the elevator cage and started for the top floor. Before reaching their destination the furniture struck against the top of the shaft and the cable parted. The cage dropped to the ground. McKillop died from his injuries, and Foster was in a precarious condition.

THE Kansas Grand Army reunion closed at Topeka on the 1st with an immense procession, which took an hour and a half to pass and was witnessed by 75,000 persons.

THE safe in the store of John Patterson, at Amesville, Athens County, O., was blown open by burglars the other night, from which they abstracted over \$2,000 in cash and \$250 in bonds.

JUDGE BREWER in the United States Court at St. Louis granted a decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk Railroad.

THE Missouri Pacific Railroad Company has leased the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Road. The lease is to run twenty-five years.

A MAN named Keating was killed by Apaches recently in White Trail Canyon, A. T. The body was found half a mile from his house. A man named Shanahan, and Mrs. Mack, servants on the ranch, could not be found.

ALL the coal miners in the Silver Creek District, near Akron, O., struck the other day because the Massillon operators had refused to grant the demand for a uniform scale.

### THE SOUTH.

GENERAL ROBERT TOOMBS, the well-known Southern statesman, was reported on the 27th as seriously sick.

THE friends of J. L. Holland, who killed the sawdust swindler, Tom Davis, in New York, had made up in Abilene, Tex., a purse of \$2,000 to help him in his troubles.

JUDGE G. W. WARD was fired at recently in Abingdon, Va., by Dr. William White, Independent candidate for State Senator. Ward returned the fire, shooting at a relative of White's, whom he thought had shot him. White Ward was lying on the ground two other relatives of White shot him seven times, and he was supposed fatally wounded. Political animosity was the cause of the shooting. Ward was editor of the Examiner.

J. N. STIVERS, late Postmaster of Middleburg, Hardeman County, Tenn., was arrested at Little Rock, Ark., recently by Post-office Inspector McGehee Williams for stealing letters.

IT was thought the Texas fever line would be established south of the Texas Pacific Railway in Texas.

A DISPATCH from Louisville, Ky., says: The Jeffersonville plate glass works has assigned. The liabilities are not known, but are said to be largely in excess of the assets.

A CONVENTION of colored men assembled recently in Lynchburg, Va., and issued an address declaring that the time had come for them to break from old party affiliations and think and act for themselves.

A RECENT dispatch stated that the mail stage running between San Angelo and Abilene, Tex., had been stopped and robbed by highwaymen.

A REPUBLICAN meeting at Alexandria, Va., recently, broke up in disorder. John S. Wise, the Republican candidate for Governor, gave Ambler Smith a stinging blow in the mouth for calling him a liar in an altercation previous to the meeting.

### GENERAL.

A MOB of anti-vaccination people wrecked the Board of Health building in Montreal on the 28th, the day of the inauguration of compulsory vaccination. The mob also broke in the windows of other public buildings, but was finally dispersed by the police.

A BILL has passed the Mexican Congress allowing the Eads Ship Railway Company one-third of the vacant lands resulting from a survey of the Tehuantepec route.

LORD SALISBURY, Mr. Gladstone, the Duke of Argyll and Mr. W. E. Forster have received telegrams from the Roumelians entreating them to recognize the union of Roumelia and Bulgaria.

THE confirming of the sentence recently passed on the Socialist Von Ammon, at Amsterdam, created a riot there recently, during which a large number of persons were more or less injured.

THE Canadian customs authorities have been apprised of an extensive smuggling trade in coal oil which has been going on for some time past between Ogdensburg and Morrisville on one side and Prescott and Brockville on the other.

THE Cuban tobacco crop for this year will be not only larger than that for many former years but of far better quality.

MARSHAL SERRANO, of Spain, was reported on the 28th as dangerously ill.

THE municipal authorities of Madrid have extended the right of suffrage to women.

A RECENT dispatch from Mozambique stated that the French under Admiral Miot were defeated in an engagement with the Hovas in Madagascar, and had to fall back to Tamatave.

THE Kildart (Ireland) League at a special meeting resolved to boycott McCarty, Resident Magistrate of Belfast, and Mrs. Morgan O'Connell, a niece of the Liberator, for refusing to reduce rent 25 per cent.

THE mercantile failures in the United States for the quarter ended September 30 numbered 2,173, against 2,346 in the corresponding quarter of 1884. The liabilities showed a remarkable decline, amounting to \$28,800,000 against \$36,000,000 in the third quarter of 1884.

OFFERMANN BROTHERS, electric light engineers, with a house in London and one in Chicago, have become bankrupt. Liabilities and assets not stated.

FALSE POINT, INDIA, which was thought to have had the best harbor between Calcutta and Bombay, was struck by a storm wave September 22, and swept so completely that most of the inhabitants perished.

IT was stated that the riot in Montreal was due to the perverseness of the Board of Aldermen. The better class of French Canadians were disgusted with the work of the anti-vaccination mob.

A FRENCH transport full of soldiers waiting to pass through the Suez Canal has been forbidden to enter the canal, on account of the prevalence of cholera on board.

A DISPATCH from Whydah, West Coast of Africa, dated September 28, says: It is reported the commander of a Portuguese gunboat has arranged to buy 1,200 slaves from the King of Dahomey, to work on a coffee plantation at St. Thomas, on an island in the Gulf of Guinea, belonging to Portugal.

A BAND of Mussulman and Christian brigands, near Smyrna, have captured a young Englishman named Fred Charnaud. They demand £9,000 ransom.

HEAVY floods were reported recently in the eastern portion of Switzerland. Much damage was done.

TURKISH troops fired on the Roumelian outposts at Mustapha Pasha, a town in Roumelia, twenty miles northwest of Adrianople, on the 29th. A skirmish ensued in which the Turks were defeated.

A LARGE fire occurred in Iquique, Ecuador, the other night, and the most important quarter of the town was destroyed. Very few of the commercial establishments escaped.

The late Turkish Minister of War, Ghoezi Osman Pasha, was reported guilty of such extensive embezzlements that the army was half crippled.

FRENCH Canadian mobs were reported on the 29th tearing down small-pox placards in Montreal and beating isolated militiamen, but no serious riots were attempted. The epidemic was increasing in virulence, about 250 deaths occurring in the city and suburbs in four days.

THE special delivery system of the postal service was inaugurated in the various cities on the 1st.

THE Earl of Shaftesbury, the well-known English philanthropist, died on the 1st.

MME. EMMA NEVADA, the prima donna, was married in England recently to Dr. Raymond Palmer, of Birmingham.

THE Stockholm (Sweden) Severe Tiding has been confiscated for calumniating the Prince of Wales.

AT the sugar plantation "Aurora," near Jovellanos, Cuba, recently, four workmen, who had taken refuge from the rain under a cart, were struck by lightning and killed.

THE rebels Salcedo and Estrada, belonging to the party of Limbano Sanchez, were shot on the 29th ult., at Babacoa, Cuba.

A DISPATCH from Berlin of the 1st says: The result of the recent interview between M. de Giers and Prince Bismarck will be to restrain Serbia, Greece and Montenegro from attacking Turkey. Otherwise Austria would certainly make a bold strike for Salonica and possibly for Constantinople.

DISPATCHES received in London on the 1st from various European capitals indicated that the crisis resulting from the Bulgarian-Eastern Roumelian Union was daily becoming more grave.

THE London Times correspondent at Constantinople thus summarizes Turkey's position: Turkey has no army ready to march, no stores, no money in the Treasury, no administrative energy. She must submit to the inevitable.

KING MILAN, of Serbia, recently held a reception and was hailed by the populace as the ruler of Macedonia. Private conversations with members of the Skuptschina, which was opened on the 1st by the King, reveals the fact that they are unanimously in favor of the extension of Serbia.

### THE LATEST.

THE business failures for week ended October 1 were: United States, 171; Canada, 25; total, 196; as compared with 185 the week previous. The Western and Pacific States furnished over half the casualties.

THE Pope has approved a decree of the Congregation establishing an Episcopal see in Nebraska and the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, the present Vicar Apostolic, has been created Bishop of Omaha.

IT was reported in Washington that the President and members of his Cabinet would attend the Virginia State Fair, to be held at Richmond, Va., on the 23d inst., if the pressure of public business does not prevent.

THE Protestant Episcopal Convention of the diocese of New York declined to adopt the amendment of the prayer book proposed by Dr. Richey by a vote of 103 to 105. A committee was appointed to lay the matter before the General Convention.

IN a trotting race at Cleveland, O., Harry Wilkes defeated Phallas in three heats, winning the \$2,000 purse and 90 per cent. of the gate receipts. Time, 2:17 1/4.

THE schooner Wheeler foundered off Grand Marais, Mich., recently, in forty fathoms of water. Her crew was saved, but there was no time to save the clothing.

WILLIAM HEATH & Co., stock brokers of New York, suspended on the 2d. Liabilities amounted to nearly \$2,000,000. Henry N. Smith also failed for \$200,000. The two firms were partly connected in stock operations, and the failure of the one dragged down the other.

THE Government cruiser Chicago, the heaviest vessel ever built at Roach's shipyard, has settled on the ways to such an extent that workmen have had to shove her up to prevent accident.

EDWARD McSWENEY, the Irish suspect, who has been an applicant for a position in the customs service at San Francisco, has withdrawn his papers from the Treasury Department.

THE President has issued an executive order directing Dr. E. O. Shakspeare, of Pennsylvania, to proceed to Spain and other countries in Europe where cholera exists and make investigation of the causes, progress and proper prevention and cure of the disease.

IN a recent prize fight at Brighton, Pa., pepper was thrown into the eyes of one of the pugilists, who was getting the best of the contest, blinding him. His seconds raised the question of "foul," which was allowed, and the affair broke up in a general row.

SEVENTEEN men and boys were fearfully scalded by an explosion recently at Clark & Co.'s iron works, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by the rupture of a drum. Several of the injured, it was thought, could not possibly recover.

## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

### The Reunion.

The great reunion of veterans at Topeka was the grandest affair that the Capital City ever witnessed. Twenty-five thousand veterans were in camp. The address of welcome was delivered by Governor Martin, and many prominent speakers were present from different parts of the country. The banner over the main entrance to the grounds was of very appropriate design. It extended across both main gates, being 26 feet in length, by 7 1/2 feet in width. The design was an arch resting on two foundation stones labeled "Liberty and Equality." On these the arch extended upward, being composed of the representations of stones, each of which bore the name of a State, all the States being represented and indiscriminately mingled. The keystone of this arch was the Stars and Stripes. In the semi-circle below the arch was the words, "Welcome to Camp Grant," while on either corner at the ends and above were the mottoes "Our Country One Arch," and its Keystone the Flag." Over the entrance gate and hanging from the banner was a flag, on either side of which in national colors appeared the G. A. R. badge. The Kansas National Guards, comprising thirty-two companies of infantry and one battalion, in all four regiments, were in camp on the grounds and presented a fine appearance. General Black, Commissioner of Pensions, who had accepted an invitation to be present and address the veterans, was absent. A telegram had been received, however, announcing the death of his daughter and his inability to be present, and resolutions of condolence and sympathy were passed and ordered forwarded to General Black. Altogether the old soldiers had a most enjoyable time and will long remember with pleasure the camp-fires that burned so brightly at their reunion of 1885.

### Miscellaneous.

A CAR-LOAD of watermelons, consisting of 1,073 and weighing an average of forty pounds each, was recently shipped to Kansas City from Lawrence.

THE Secretary of State has lately been doing a lively business in the way of granting charters to new town companies.

The mystery of the recent poisoning of Mrs. Williams at Leavenworth is yet unexplained. It is stated that the lady, who was noted for her economy, had saved her earnings, and had about \$400 sewed in a mattress on which she and her husband slept. The money can not be found. The cost of analyzing the stomach, liver and kidneys at the State University will be about \$30, and, as the Coroner does not think the county can afford that expense, Mr. Williams, the husband of the dead woman, has offered to pay it and the analyzing will go on. The husband and wife were each insured for \$5,000 for the benefit of the Home Life Association, of Burlington, Iowa.

THE arrest of Abe Waller in Nashville, Tenn., for assisting in the attempted robbery of an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe express train at Coolidge, near the western line of this State, in September, 1883, caused some excitement in the western part of the State. Waller arrived in the State recently in charge of a special officer. He admitted that he was one of the three, but claimed he was not the man who shot the engineer. It is stated that the principal in the murder and attempted robbery has been under arrest some time, which fact has been kept quiet. As the two arrested have confessed, there is no doubt about their guilt.

A CORPS of civil engineers are engaged in making a survey of a line of proposed railway from St. Joseph south to Rushville, four miles east of Atchison, where the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad crosses the Missouri River Valley. As the City Council of Atchison recently granted the Rock Island a right of way through that city with a view to an extension of its line southwest into Kansas the appearance of the surveyors, it was thought, indicated that the company would accept the franchise and build the south-west extension.

A TOPEKA dispatch states that it has been ascertained that the bonds voted the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railway along the projected line from Baxter Springs to Kingman are worthless inasmuch as they were voted for a standard gauge railway, whereas the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic, on account of a defect in their charter, have no legal existence except as a narrow gauge railway. Their old charter was under the name of the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Narrow Gauge Railway, and instead of filing a new charter, the stockholders voted to change the corporate name to the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railway, but neglected to change in the body of the charter the words "narrow gauge" into "standard gauge."

A WOMAN's suffrage club has been organized at Anthony with fifty-two members. The number of entries of all kinds made at the United States Land-office in Garden City during August was 2,638.

THE charters of the Methodist Episcopal Church of High Prairie, Douglas County, and the Norwich (Kingman County) Methodist Episcopal Church were filed recently.

A SPARK of fire from a blacksmith shop in Weir, Cherokee County, recently set fire to three or four kegs of powder a few feet away, which exploded, killing the blacksmith and tearing the shop into shivers.

THE Probate Judge of Shawnee County has revoked the liquor permits of two Topeka drug stores because they were selling entirely too much liquor, and did not comply with the law. The sales of liquor at these drug stores, though they did not do an ordinary business in the drug line, were larger than any other stores in the county.

MISS HUBBARD, of Topeka, was run over by a train of cars, near Monument Station, on the Union Pacific Railroad, the other day and killed.

ANTELOPES abound in Comanche County. The charter of the Kansas & Colorado Midland Railway was lately filed with the Secretary of State. Capital stock, \$10,000,000; estimated length of road, 800 miles; line of road, from Kansas City, Mo., to Denver, Col.; course of road, through the State of Kansas to the western boundary line of said State, thence through the State of Colorado to the city of Denver, with a branch diverging to the southern part of Kansas, via. Winfield.

JESSE CREAL, of Atchison, exhibited a number of fine horses at the different fairs in the State, and up to the present time has received \$815 as premiums on the same.

THE new Cathedral bells at Leavenworth can be heard a distance of four miles.

## TURKEY'S TROUBLE.

The Powers Exerting Their Influence to Prevent War—Turkey in No Condition to Fight.

VIENNA, October 2.—M. Brattain, the Roumanian Prime Minister, who has had an interview with Emperor Francis Joseph and Count Kalnoky, the Austrian Foreign Minister, respecting the attitude of Roumania in the event of war between Turkey and Bulgaria, has left this city to confer with Prince Bismarck, after which he will visit the Czar. His mission is for the purpose of having Roumania considered in the event of hostilities similar to those enjoyed by Belgium if hostilities should break out. The opinion gains ground that the crisis is extending, and unless the Powers intervene at once war is inevitable.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 2.—The ambassadors met yesterday to consider the Roumanian question at the residence of Count Corti, the Italian ambassador, but adjourned without transacting any business of an important nature, several of the ambassadors having not yet received formal instructions from their respective Governments. The Porte has sent a circular to the powers protesting against the recent action of Prince Alexander in dismissing the Mussulman inhabitants of Roumelia. An edict has been issued ordering the Turkish troops to mass at Adrianople. Large numbers of Russians are crossing the frontier to join the Bulgarians.

LONDON, October 2.—The Times correspondent at Constantinople thus summarizes Turkey's position: Turkey has no army ready to march, no stores, no money in the Treasury, no administrative energy. She must submit to the inevitable. The powers have resolved to compensate Serbia if the Porte accepts the union between Bulgaria and Roumelia. The Servian Government has 80,000 men under arms. It is feared that the King must attempt a coup d'etat before the conference is concluded, because the finances of the country are unable to stand the present heavy drain. The people of Greece are sending petitions to King George, asking him to pursue a vigorous policy in connection with the Roumanian revolution.

BERLIN, October 2.—The result of the recent interviews between M. de Giers and Prince Bismarck will be to restrain Serbia, Greece and Montenegro from attacking Turkey, otherwise Austria would certainly make a bold strike for Salonica and possibly for Constantinople, and make a blaze in Russia which would end in an European war.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 2.—Russian journals express the opinion that the conference of the Ambassadors at Constantinople on the Roumanian question will be resultless. The Czar has called a meeting of the Generals of the various provinces to be held during the present month in order to confer with them respecting the internal condition of Russia.

### SPECIAL DELIVERY.

The Service in Operation—Description of the Stamp.

WASHINGTON, October 1.—What the historian of the future will characterize as a remarkable stride in the development of postal facilities goes into effect to-day, when the new special delivery system becomes operative. Among the towns to which the system will apply are: In Iowa, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Creston, Des Moines, Iowa City, Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Davenport, Dubuque, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Lyons, Marshalltown, Muscatine, Okaloosa and Ottumwa. In Missouri, Kansas City, Springfield and a large number of minor points. Under the system, a letter deposited in the post-office and bearing a ten cent stamp, in addition to the ordinary two cents postage, will be immediately delivered by messenger boys employed for that purpose. This innovation will be a great advantage to the towns which hitherto have been compelled to depend upon the slow and unsatisfactory service of the district messenger companies, while it will be a still greater convenience to the many smaller towns, which hitherto have had no delivery system of any kind. The new immediate delivery stamp is 1 3/16 by 1 7/16 inches in size, and of a dark-blue color. On the left is an arched panel bearing the figure of a mail messenger boy on the run, and surmounted by the words "United States," while on the right is an oblong tablet ornamented with a wreath of oak and laurel, and surrounding the words "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office." Across the top is the legend "Special postal delivery," and at the bottom the words "ten cents," separated by a small shield bearing the numeral "10." According to advice received, probably the first letter bearing this stamp, to be deposited in any post-office in the country, was mailed at thirty seconds past midnight this morning, at the Chicago post-office, by Hunt's News Bureau. It was addressed to W. A. Taylor, city editor of the Herald of that city, and delivered to the addressee at minutes past seven this morning, the delivery hours being from seven a. m. until midnight.

### EXCESSIVE RAINFALL.

The Special Weather Bulletin Shows Such to be the Case in Southern States.

WASHINGTON, October 2.—The special weather bulletin for September was issued yesterday from the Weather Bureau. It notes the following extraordinary rainfall: A great excess of rainfall in the Southern States, and especially on the Gulf and Georgia coasts, also in North Florida, and other areas of great excess covers the lower Ohio Valley, Missouri and Eastern Kansas; The excess in the above named was Galveston, 19.8 inches; New Orleans, 9.3 inches; Vicksburg, 6.3; Mobile, 4.3; Jacksonville, 12.4 inches; Savannah, 6.8 inches; Atlanta, 3.8. Ordinarily five or six inches is the rainfall for this section of the country. During the 4th and 5th of September at Galveston eight inches of water fell, and from the 16th to the 21st 15 1/2 inches, being probably the most remarkable rainfall on record. In the Middle Atlantic States New England, in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan deficiencies in rainfall are noted.

### Killed by Renegades.

TOMBSTONE, A. T., October 2.—A man named Keating was killed by Apaches yesterday in White Trail Canyon. The body was found half a mile from his house. He was shot under the arm, and his head was mashed with stones. A man named Shanahan, and Mrs. Mack, servants on the ranch, can't be found. Hatfield's command of forty cavalry and five Apache scouts, passed through Tombstone en route to Fort Grant. They have come from Copper Canyon, after service in Sonora. They look jaded and worn, and the whole outfit shows unmistakable signs of rough service, hardship and fatigue. Their reported fight with renegades is not confirmed.

## SUCCESS SEEMS ASSURED.

The North, Central and South American Exposition Gives Promise of Becoming a Successful Undertaking—The Hopes of Enhanced Trade Being Built Upon It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 28.—Special Superintendent Anderson, in charge of the Washington headquarters of the North, Central & South American Exposition, which opens in New Orleans on November 10th, and who is also in charge of the "special days" celebrations, which will be a conspicuous feature of the Exposition, is much elated at its rapid strides in popularity and magnitude. He predicts that it will be the most remarkable Exposition known to American commercial history, and that it will create a trade revolution which will secure the lion's share of the Spanish-American markets for the surplus manufactures of the United States. Among the recent evidences of the immense proportions it is assuming, he mentions the following applications for space:

From the city of Chicago, an application for 43,000 square feet.

From the State of Missouri, 18,000 square feet.

From Ohio, 18,000 square feet.

From Iowa, 11,000 square feet.

From the Southern Pacific Railway Company, 15,000 feet.